

## Kentucky State Parks - Did You Know?

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- ▶ Cumberland Falls is one of the few places in the world where you can see a rainbow at night – a moonbow.
- ▶ Despite being among the finest facilities in the nation, there is no admission fee to any of Kentucky's state parks.
- ▶ Nearly 8 million people visit Kentucky State Parks each year.
- ▶ A pivotal Civil War battle took place at the Perryville Battlefield in Perryville, Kentucky, resulting in more than 7,500 casualties.
- ▶ There are 17 state resort lodges in Kentucky, which is more than any state park system in the nation.
- ▶ The Kentucky Department of Parks oversees three cafeterias in Frankfort.
- ▶ Kentucky's park system has more swimming pools than any other state, including indoor pools at Lake Cumberland and Lake Barkley.
- ▶ Workers from President Roosevelt's Works Progress Administration and Civilian Conservation Corps. built many of the facilities in Kentucky's State Park system during the 1930s, including hiking trails, lodges and park shelters.
- ▶ Four of Kentucky State Park's golf courses have been named "Best New Affordable Courses" by Golf Digest magazine.
- ▶ Federal Hill at My Old Kentucky Home State Park in Bardstown is said to be the inspiration for the famous song written by Stephen Foster Collins.
- ▶ The Kentucky park system was created in 1924 by the General Assembly with state geologist Willard Rouse Jillson as its chairman.
- ▶ The Kentucky State Parks operate three airfields -- at Rough River, Lake Barkley and Kentucky Dam Village.
- ▶ There are about 260 miles of trails in Kentucky's park system.